

COVID-19

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING



Monday, August 17, 2020

WEEKLY COVID-19 SNAPSHOT SHOWS FEWER IN HOSPITAL

The latest snapshot of COVID-19 activity in Snohomish County contains some good news, but we've got a long way to go before we can open up further.

Weekly COVID-19 Snapshot shows fewer in hospital

The [latest snapshot of COVID-19 activity](#) in Snohomish County contains some good news: a slight decrease in hospital beds occupied by COVID patients, a decrease in the average percentage of tests coming back positive, and a higher percentage of cases being contacted by public health staff in 24-48 hours. However, our case rate remains high and there has been a decrease in the percentage of close contacts reached by public health staff within 48 hours.

Remember to take steps to prevent the spread of illness. Wear a mask in shared spaces, wash your hands often, clean and sanitize frequently touched surfaces, stay home if you are ill, and avoid large gatherings even if you are not ill. If you get a call from public health staff, please call them back. If you are worried about scams, remember that public health staff calling about COVID-19 will NOT ask for your social security number, bank account information, or for a payment of any kind. They may ask questions about who you have been in close contact with, what your symptoms are, and other relevant information.

See the latest Snapshot and other updated COVID-19 data at www.snohd.org/499/COVID-19-Case-Count-Info.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY SNAPSHOT

TIME PERIOD: JULY 26 – AUGUST 8
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COVID-19 ACTIVITY AND CAPACITY IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Snohomish County moved to Phase 2 on June 5. The Snohomish Health District monitors these metrics and submits a weekly report to the Washington State Department of Health.



COVID-19 ACTIVITY

COVID-19 ACTIVITY	TARGET	CURRENT	CHANGE SINCE LAST REPORT
Confirmed cases reported August 2 - August 8, 2020	<25 cases / 100,000 residents / 14 days	84.4	no change
Trends in hospitalization for lab-confirmed COVID-19	flat or decreasing	increasing	↑

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Flu Deaths

- 2015-2016: 9 deaths
- 2016-2017: 45 deaths
- 2017-2018: 40 deaths
- 2018-2019: 26 deaths
- 2019-2020: 11 deaths

You can help fight this pandemic. Wear a mask, wash your hands, and limit your outings.
#InItTogether



200 is...

- **more than the past 5 years of flu deaths** in Snohomish County COMBINED.

#MASKUPWA

There have been 200 deaths in Snohomish County from COVID-19

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PARKS TO HOST FOOD DRIVE AT EVERGREEN STATE FAIR PARK

A county-wide drive-thru food drive will be held at Evergreen State Fair Park on August 27 from 4-7 p.m. Decorate your vehicle in a fun Fair-inspired theme to win prizes, including admission and carnival tickets to the 2021 Evergreen State Fair. Details at right.

Snohomish County Parks to host food drive at Evergreen State Fair Park



Snohomish County Fair Park staff and volunteers are planning a countywide drive-thru food drive on Aug. 27 as a way to celebrate the Fair community even though the Evergreen State Fair was canceled due to COVID-19. It will be hosted at the Evergreen State Fair Park in

Monroe from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the West parking lot.

You are invited to decorate your vehicle in a fun Fair-inspired theme! Ideas could include: County Fair elements, Americana, fair food, carnival ride, race car or even a pig! Participants could win a Family 4-Pack of Fair admission and Carnival tickets to the 2021 Evergreen State Fair. Businesses are also welcome to decorate their business vehicle for a chance to win 12 fair admissions.

There will also be a variety of food trucks at the event for take-out.

See the [full press release](#) for more information.

MARYSVILLE OFFERING 'OPEN FOR BUSINESS' POSTERS

The City of Marysville is distributing "Open for Business" posters to Marysville businesses.

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The City of Marysville is [distributing "Open for Business" posters](#) to Marysville businesses that are open or preparing to open safely within state guidelines. Businesses can also submit information to be included on the city's Support Local Business web page. One poster per business is available at any of the following locations:

- [Bonefish Grill](#), 2537 172nd St. NE, 360-657-5629
- [Coastal Farm & Ranch](#), 9623 State Ave., 360-658-2500

- [The Greater Marysville Tulalip Chamber of Commerce](#), 8825 34th Ave. NE, 360-659-7700
- [The Creamery Co. Coffee House & Frozen Yogurt Shoppe](#), 1206 State Ave., Suites A&B, 360-386-8694

To add your business to the city web page, please email socialnetworking@marysvillewa.gov with business name, address, phone number and business hours. Include the website link (if available) or a one-sentence description of your products or services. If you offer curbside pickup, online orders or delivery, please include that information as well.



FIND DRIVE-IN WIFI HOTSPOTS IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

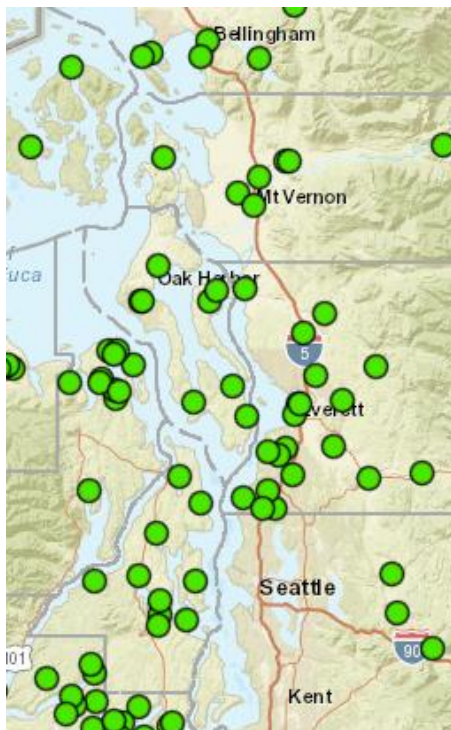
Drive-in WiFi hotspots provide free temporary, emergency internet access for Washingtonians who do not have broadband service to their homes.

Find Drive-In WiFi hotspots in Snohomish County



In response to the impacts of COVID-19, Drive-In WiFi Hotspots provide free temporary, emergency internet access for Washingtonians who do not have broadband service to their homes.

Access the Drive-In WiFi Hotspots locator tool on the Washington State Department of Commerce website [here](#).



INSLEE ISSUES PROCLAMATION FOR FOOD PRODUCTION PAID LEAVE PROGRAM

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Inslee issues proclamation for food production paid leave program

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The program provides a \$3 million fund to support workers in the food production industry who are unable to obtain leave through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. These workers are often ineligible for other forms of paid leave, even when exposed to COVID-19.

Further details of the reimbursement program will be issued by Washington's Department of Commerce within the coming days. Read the full proclamation [here](#).

Inslee also announced the extension of proclamation 20-22, which waives/suspends restrictions on truck driver hours. The [original proclamation](#) was issued on March 18, and is now extended through September 14, 2020. Read the full proclamation [here](#).



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and behavioral health care coverage.

"Apple Health is meant to be there when people need health care the most," said HCA State Medicaid Director MaryAnne Lindeblad. "Due to the pandemic, many people are experiencing loss of income that may make them eligible for this program. We encourage those seeking free or low-cost health care coverage to visit our website to learn more."

For more information, read the [blog post](#).

RISK OF COVID-19 INFECTION, SEVERE ILLNESS ELEVATED IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

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Read the full CDC Report [here](#).



MANY IN U.S. STRUGGLING WITH COVID-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES

A new CDC study shows that symptoms of anxiety disorder and depressive disorder increased considerably in the U.S. during April – June of 2020, compared with the same period in 2019.

Many in U.S. struggling with COVID-related mental health challenges

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is now sharing hard data that demonstrates what many already have observed: the COVID-19 crisis is escalating mental health challenges.

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“Mental health conditions are disproportionately affecting specific populations, especially young adults, Hispanic persons, black persons, essential workers, unpaid caregivers for adults, and those receiving treatment for preexisting psychiatric conditions,” the CDC said. “Unpaid caregivers for adults, many of whom are currently providing critical aid to persons at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19, had a higher incidence of adverse mental and behavioral health conditions compared with others.”

The report’s authors suggest stepped up intervention and prevention strategies, particularly directed at the most-affected groups.

Help is available through Washington Listens (www.walistsens.org). Call 1-833-681-0211 to reach a live support specialist who will listen and connect you to community resources. The program is anonymous and no identifying information is maintained.



KEEP THE OUTDOORS SAFE, RECREATE RESPONSIBLY

Recreate Responsibly guidelines offer a starting point for getting outside to keep yourself healthy and maintain access to our parks, trails, and beaches. Link at right.

Keep the outdoors safe, recreate responsibly

During this public health crisis, spending time in outdoor spaces has become even more important for many Americans. Yet these unusual circumstances mean that all of us, from seasoned outdoor enthusiasts to families heading out to their local park for the first time, could use a little guidance about how to stay safe. The Recreate Responsibly guidelines offer a starting point for getting outside to keep yourself healthy and to maintain access to our parks, trails, and beaches.

Get tips on how to stay safe while enjoying our beautiful outdoor spaces [here](#)

Mask up!

Please be prepared to cover your nose and mouth:

- When you are **within 6 feet** of anyone not in your group
- When you are in a **busy area**
- When you **go indoors**

#RecreateResponsibly www.recreateresponsibly.org

CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Data on case counts are available on the Snohomish Health District [website](#) and the Washington State Department of Health [dashboard](#).

ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Snohomish County COVID- 19 Response & Community Resource Hub](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Línea telefónica COVID-19 del condado de Snohomish: **425-388-7120**
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: Call **1-800-525-0127** or text **211-211** for help.

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of August 17, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 2:08 p.m.
Confirmed	5,814 (up 76 cases from 8/14)
Probable	736 (up 13 cases from 8/14)
Deaths	204

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 2:08 p.m.
Arlington	283 (200 recovered)
Bothell*	476 (360 recovered)
Brier	30 (26 recovered)
Darrington	7 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	540 (427 recovered)
Everett	1,901 (1,420 recovered)
Gold Bar	14 (7 recovered)
Granite Falls	46 (36 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	299 (232 recovered)
Lynnwood	1,059 (823 recovered)
Marysville	560 (410 recovered)
Mill Creek	107 (77 recovered)
Monroe	243 (175 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	188 (150 recovered)
Mukilteo	104 (84 recovered)
Snohomish	403 (284 recovered)
Stanwood	174 (142 recovered)
Sultan	29 (20 recovered)
Tulalip	47 (36 recovered)
Unknown/Other	<5 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	24 (22 recovered)
Woodway	13 (9 recovered)

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Unknown includes cases still under investigation. *Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.